

What Is Weatherization?

Weatherization is a program to help people with very limited resources reduce their fuel bills, save energy and have warmer homes in the process. Mercer County residents whose income for the past 12 months has been at or below 175% of the Federal poverty level are eligible and services are provided free of charge. Generally, Weatherization services can only be provided one time on each residence.

How Do I Apply For Weatherization?

The Weatherization Department can be reached by calling Mercer County Housing and Community Development Office at 609-989-6858. We can answer your questions about the Weatherization Program and mail you an application.

Once Mercer County Weatherization receives your signed application, we must (by law) review your information, certify its accuracy and make a determination of eligibility. This process may take up to 4 to 6 weeks. You will receive a phone call or a letter of determination from this office when the process is complete. Your name may be placed on a waiting list.

After approval, you will be contacted by telephone (or by mail) to arrange an appointment to have your Weatherization job estimated by our team of Energy Auditors. They will determine your needs and explain what energy saving measures will be done to your home. A contractor will then be assigned to perform the recommended work.

The contractor will then order the materials necessary for the job. This process can take up to 4 to 6 weeks. You or another adult (18 or over) must be present while the work is being completed. There may be more than one contractor sent to your home, depending on the work to be done. Generally, one contractor does insulation and air-sealing work while another may do repairs on the heater. Other contractors may be required for specialty work. All contractors are hired by the Mercer County Housing and Community Development and are fully insured.

After the work is done, the Energy Auditors will contact you for a final inspection to insure the job was done correctly to meet federal guidelines. You will be asked to verify the work by signing a final inspection form. Also, an additional inspection by a State monitor may be necessary.

What Services Are Supplied By Weatherization?

Weatherization is an energy conservation program and all work is targeted to save the homeowner on their fuel costs. Measures done at your home may include insulation, weather stripping, caulking, minor health and safety repairs, and/or repair or replacement of your heating system.

How Is Weatherization Funded?

Weatherization is funded by a multiple grants from the Federal Department of Energy Department of Human Services, and the NJ Residential Weatherization Program under the administration of the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs.

Need More Info?

The Mercer County Weatherization Program is located on the 4th Floor Rm. 420 of the Mc Dade Mercer County Administration Building, 640 South Broad. St., Trenton, NJ. 08650.

Our office phone number is 609-989-6858.